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MINNESOTA BULLETIN NO. 250-8-15

SUBJECT: FNM – Training Conference of the American Indian/Alaska Native Employees Association (AIANEA) and the Asian Pacific Organization (APIO)

Purpose. To provide information.

Expiration Date. September 30, 2008

**ACTION DUE BY: JUNE 23, 2008**

The Asian Pacific Islander Organization (APIO) and the American Indian Alaska Native Employees Organization (AIANEA) will hold a joint training conference in Spokane, Washington, August 11-15, 2008

NRCS encourages its employees to take advantage of attendance and participation by employees in career-related professional organizations that enhance career development and professionalism. The training will focus on the importance of job skills, personal development and career enhancement. The agenda also includes NRCS programs and success stories. The first day is dedicated to the training needs of Special Emphasis Program Managers (SEPM).

Employees desiring to attend this conference should reference bulletin; MN-360-8-10, subject: *NRCS Employees Participation in Outside Organizations* for the procedure to request participation in this event. Supervisors should ensure that employees request for STC approval for attendance are submitted and received at the state office no later than close of business June 23, 2006. Employees approved by the STC for attendance will be notified through their supervisors, and their names will be submitted on Form SCS-FNM-72, Meeting Attendance Approval by Bryan Welp, Budget Officer, by June 27, 2008, to NHQ for final approval.

An early registration fee of \$400 is available for those who register and pay before July 1, 2008. After July 1, the registration fee becomes \$425. Registration forms and other conference information are available and can be printed from the [www.aianea.com](http://www.aianea.com) or [www.apio.org](http://www.apio.org) website.

A block of rooms has been reserved under the group code of APIO/AIANEA at the Mirabeau Park Hotel & Convention Center, North 1100 Sullivan Road, Spokane Valley, Washington 99037. Employees must make there Reservations on or before July 10, 2008 to guarantee the Federal lodging rate. The phone numbers for the hotel are (866) 584-4674 or direct (509) 924-9000.

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